

Regular Council Meeting
August 25, 2005

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of August 25, 2005 at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Ray Jackson, Earl King, Charlie Simmons, Mike Helton, and Jean Arrant were present. Also present: Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Henninger, and City Clerk Diane Riley.

Councilman Helton gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk Riley requested the minutes of the sewer workshop of August 24th, 2005 be added to the agenda. Councilman Jackson motioned to accept the minutes of the regular council meeting of August 9, 2005 and budget workshops of August 10 and August 16 and council workshop on August 24. Councilman Helton 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Old Business:

Latilda Henninger, City planner presented the following items:

Legislative items:

Owl's Head residential PDP master plan. There were no public comments. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve Resolution #05-09, establishing Owl's Head PDP. With no Council discussion, Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Hammock Bay Phase II, residential PDP conceptual master plan. Hammock Bay representative Jack Rhodes addressed the Council by asking if they had any questions. There were no public comments. Councilman King motioned to approve Resolution #05-10, establishing Hammock Bay Phase II, PDP. With no Council discussion, Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Amending LaGrange Landing residential PDP master plan. There were no public comments. Councilman King motioned to approve Resolution #05-11, amending LaGrange Landing's PDP. With no Council discussion, Councilman Helton 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Quasi-judicial items:

The Planning Board and staff recommendation for approval of the Hammock Bay Pod 6 development. There were no public comments. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve Hammock Bay Pod 6 development as presented. There was no Council discussion. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

The Planning Board and staff recommendation for approval of the Hammock Bay Pod 7 development. There were no public comments. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve Hammock Bay Pod 7 development as presented. There was no Council discussion. Councilman Helton 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

The Planning Board and staff recommendation for approval of the 331 Profession Park. There were no public comments. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the 331 Profession Park development as presented. There was no Council discussion. Councilman King 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

The Planning Board and staff recommendation for approval of the LaGrange Landing Phase I project. There were no public comments. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the LaGrange Landing Phase I development as presented. There was no Council discussion. Councilwoman Arrant 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

The Planning Board and staff recommendation for approval of the Cypress Creek Townhomes. There were no public comments. Councilman King motioned to approve Cypress Creek Townhomes project as presented. There was no Council discussion. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

The Planning Board and staff recommendation for approval of the Palmetto Place subdivision. There were no public comments. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the Palmetto Place subdivision as presented. There was no Council discussion. Councilman King 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

The Planning Board and staff recommendation for approval of the Palmetto Village subdivision. There were no public comments. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the Palmetto Village subdivision as presented. There was no Council discussion. Councilman Helton 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Planner Henninger preformed the first reading of proposed ordinances for the following:

Freeport Residential large scale amendment. Councilman King motioned to approve the first reading and advertise for adoption. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Freeport Residential rezoning. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the first reading and advertise for adoption. Councilman King seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0.

City of Freeport rezoning. Councilman King motioned to approve the first reading and advertise for adoption. Councilwoman Arrant seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0.

City of Freeport rezoning. Councilman King motioned to approve the first reading and advertise for adoption. Councilman Simmons seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Planner Henninger requested final plats approval:

Palmetto Place Phase I. Councilman Helton motioned to approve the plat as presented. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Palmetto Village. Councilman King motioned to approve the plat as presented. Councilman Simmons 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Final planning board issue was a request by Planner Henninger to have a workshop with the Council to have them determine what they would like the City to look like in the future emphasizing the look of multi family developments. A workshop was set for September 20, 2005 at 7pm.

Attorney Adkinson preformed the first reading of the annexation request for the Cuchens, Martin, Destin Fisherman, Parris, Merrill, and Bishop property. Councilman King motioned to approve the first reading and advertise for adoption. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Charles Peters presented the engineer's report. The Bay Loop sewer pump station is performing fine. Well tank #4 opening of the bids has been changed to September 22, 2005 at 3pm. The relocation of utility lines at the intersection will start after Labor Day, the contractor has done the directional bore. The North Bay wells are closed, and Charles asked if Sam Burner could give a cost estimate for surveying the properties. Bid date for the turn lanes at the WC Industrial Park at Freeport is slated for September 22, 2005 at 4pm.

New Business:

Eleanor Turner of the Townplanters addressed the Council with their intentions for the Blount House reconstruction. They are out of money and needs some assistance on the setup and reconstruction. The Council stated they would help as much as they could and would seek assistance on getting information of grants for this project.

Freeport Plantation and a parcel owned by Smith which consists of nearly 3500 acres made a request to annex into the City. After much discussion and Attorney Adkinson notation of an easement, Councilman King motioned to only allow sections 2, 11 and some 160 acres of section 36 to come into the City. It consists of some 1440 acres, thus leaving out all property east of the easement. Councilman Simmons seconded the motion, it carried, 4-1, with Councilwoman Arrant objecting. Councilwoman Arrant expressed that she does not object to annexation, but the City was growing so fast, that we need to slow down and get the boundaries of the City now. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to not accept annexation request until after January 1, 2006, so everyone could have a map showing the actual City. Councilman King seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Councilwoman Arrant motioned for the Mayor to review the applications for the utility field maintenance positions and hire. Councilman Jackson 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

The Council was informed a workshop with County representatives on the Fire Department is slated for August 30, at 7pm.

Councilman Jackson motioned for the City to financially proceed with the design of the City Hall. Councilman Helton, 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to adopt proposed resolution #05-12, restricting \$700,000 in the water fund operating and/or impact fees to construct the well tank #4. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Councilman Helton motioned to pay all bills that were in order. Councilwoman Arrant 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Councilwoman Arrant stated that she had received several complaints about the road side signs. Council instructed personnel to remove the signs if they were on the right-of-way. Also, complaints about the peanut stands surfaced. Mayor Marse will talk with these vendors.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Diane Riley, City Clerk

Earl King, President of Council